



2023 HURRICANE EVACUATION GUIDE



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Hurricane Evacuation

Hurricane Evacuation Tips

When hurricanes are approaching, don't take chances. Know before you go and stay informed.

- Know where you'll go, whether it's a family member's house, hotel or shelter.
- Know your primary evacuation route and have a secondary route planned as a backup. [See evacuation map on reverse side.]
- To avoid congestion on Hwy 49, consider taking an alternate evacuation route.
- Make arrangements for your pets. [Pets are NOT allowed in most shelters.]
- Seek information from local officials regarding road closures and additional emergency information.
- Fill up your gas tank and have cash on hand.
- Download the MDOT Traffic App to get real time, location-based notifications about road conditions, weather and more.
- Take your time and be patient!

Hurricane Evacuation Routes

From Jackson County:

- Hwy 57 to Hwy 45N at state line to I-20 at Meridian
- Hwy 57 to Hwy 98W at McLain to Hwy 15N to I-20 at Newton
- Hwy 63 to Hwy 57N to Hwy 45N to I-20 at Meridian
- I-10 eastbound to Alabama/Florida or westbound to Louisiana/I-59N

From Hwy 49 Below Hattiesburg:

- **Traveling East**
At Wiggins, take Hwy 29N to I-59 at Ellisville to I-20 at Meridian
- **Traveling West**
At Wiggins, take Hwy 26W to Hwy 43N to Hwy 13N*

From Harrison County:

- Hwy 53 to Hwy 26W at Poplarville to Hwy 43N to Hwy 13N*
- Hwy 15 to Hwy 26E to Hwy 57N to Hwy 45N at State Line to I-20 at Meridian
- Hwy 15 to Hwy 26W to Hwy 43N then to Hwy 13N*
- Hwy 67 to Hwy 49N to Hwy 26, then either eastbound or westbound

From Hancock County:

- Hwy 43 to Hwy 13N*
- Hwy 603N to Hwy 53N to Hwy 26W to Hwy 43N to Hwy 13N*
- I-10W to I-59N to I-20 at Meridian

***Options at Highway 13**

*Hwy 13N to I-20 at Morton or
Hwy 13N to Hwy 28W to Hwy 27N to I-55 or
onto I-20 at Vicksburg*

Contact Information

MDOT

1-866-521-MDOT (1-866-521-6368)
www.GoMDOT.com

MS Highway Patrol

601-987-1212 [*HP from any cell]
www.dps.ms.gov

MEMA

1-800-222-MEMA (1-800-222-6362)
www.msema.org

Lodging [Mississippi Tourism]

1-866-SEE-MISS
[1-866-733-6477]
www.visitmississippi.org

Campsites

[MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks]
1-800-GO-PARKS
[Park Reservations 1-800-467-2757]
www.mdwfp.com

Animal Shelters

[MS Board of Animal Health]
1-888-646-8731
www.mbah.state.ms.us

MS Animal Disaster Hotline

1-888-722-3106

MS Department of Health

1-866-458-4948
www.HealthyMS.com

MS Insurance Department

601-359-3569
www.mid.ms.gov

MS Division of Medicaid

1-800-421-2408
www.medicaid.ms.gov

United Way

601-948-4725
www.myunitedway.com

Louisiana DOTD

877-4LA-DOTD (1-877-452-3683)
www.emergency.louisiana.gov

Louisiana State Police

1-800-469-4828
www.lsp.org

Alabama DOT

334-353-6554
www.dot.state.al.us

Alabama Highway Patrol

334-242-4393
www.ALEA.gov/DPS/highway-patrol

Arkansas HTD

501-569-2374
www.arkansashighways.com

Arkansas State Police

501-618-8000
www.asp.arkansas.gov

Tennessee DOT

877-244-0065
smartway.tn.gov

Tennessee Highway Patrol

615-741-3181
*847 [within Tennessee]
www.tn.gov/safety

Georgia DOT

877-694-2511
511ga.org

Georgia State Patrol

800-436-7442
dps.georgia.gov

Florida DOT

850-414-4100
www.fdot.gov

Florida Highway Patrol

1-800-459-6861
www.FL511.com

American Red Cross

1-866-GET-INFO (1-866-438-4636)
www.redcross.org/mississippi
Note: phone number is only active during crisis situations

FEMA

1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362)
www.fema.gov
and www.disasterassistance.gov

FEMA Shelter Information

Text "shelter" and your ZIP code to 43362 for a list of shelters within 200 miles of your location.

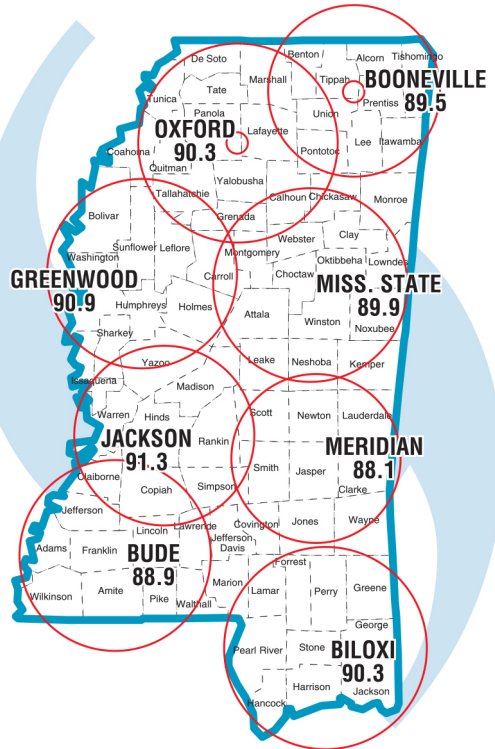
Contraflow Plans

Radio Coverage Areas

Interstates 59 and 55 Contraflow Plans

To assist the state of Louisiana, MDOT will implement contraflow [all lanes flow northbound] for both I-59 and I-55 when requested by Louisiana and approved by the Governor of Mississippi. Category III, IV or V hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico might prompt a mandatory evacuation of the greater New Orleans area. [Contraflow operations *cannot* be considered on Highway 49].

- The decision to contraflow is NOT automatic and will only be used when absolutely necessary. Citizens **should not delay** evacuation in anticipation of contraflow.
- The I-59 contraflow operations will begin in Louisiana, extend into Mississippi, and end just south of Hattiesburg.
- The I-55 contraflow operations will begin in Louisiana, extend into Mississippi, and end just south of Brookhaven.
- All exits within the contraflowed sections of the interstate highways will remain open as traffic conditions allow. Law Enforcement Officers will be present to assist with traffic control.
- The shoulders of both I-59 and I-55 should be kept clear for emergency vehicles. Motorists who need to stop should use the next available exit.
- Hancock County residents traveling westbound to Louisiana on I-10 will be routed North onto I-59 at the I-10/I-12 split.
- Tune in to Mississippi Public Broadcasting radio stations for emergency information and updated road conditions [see Radio Coverage Areas].



Mississippi Public Broadcasting FM Radio

Hattiesburg Traffic Control

MDOT will enforce the following procedures in the Hattiesburg area to avoid severe congestion at the intersections of three major routes.

- **Northbound traffic on Hwy 49** may NOT be allowed to exit at either Hwy 98 or I-59.
- **Northbound traffic on I-59** can ONLY exit at Hwy 11 [Exit 60] or West on Hardy Street/Hwy 98 [Exit 65].
- **Westbound traffic on Hwy 98** may NOT be allowed to exit onto Hwy 49, but directed to merge onto I-59 instead.

MISSISSIPPI HURRICANE EVACUATION MAP

- PRIMARY EVACUATION ROUTES
 - ALTERNATE EVACUATION ROUTES
 - OTHER STATE HIGHWAYS
 - NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY
 - HOSPITALS WITH 24 HOUR EMERGENCY ROOM FACILITIES
 - REST AREA WITH COMPLETE FACILITIES
 - WELCOME CENTER
- ROUTE MARKERS
- INTERSTATE
 - UNITED STATES
 - STATE
- SCALE: ONE INCH EQUALS APPROXIMATELY 12 MILES
SCALE IN KILOMETERS



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ON DESIGNATED
EVACUATION ROUTES

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